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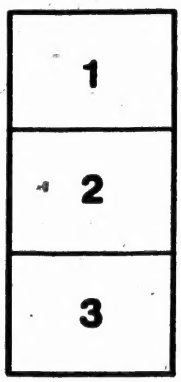

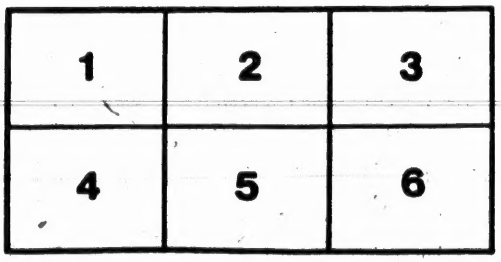

GENERAL CONDITIONS

FOR THE MONTREAL DISTRICT

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES,

CATTLE SHOWS,

Ploughing Matches, &c. &c. &c.

As approved and resolved by the Committee on the 14th April, 1829.

GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR CATTLE SHOWS.

1.—That no more than three premiums be offered in the same class.

2.—That no person shall be entitled to receive more than one premium in the same class.

3.—That no annimal or lot can obtain the same premium a second time.

4.—That separate premiums be offered to Canadian Practical Farmers, for Neat Cattle of Canadian, or improved Canadian Breed, and if any difference of opinion should arise, as to the identity of the Breed, the Committee shall decide.

5.—That no Cow will be entitled to a premium, unless the judges are satisfied, she shall have produced a Calf on or after the first of January preceeding, or be evidently with Calf at the time of the show.

6.—That *Brood Mares* shall be disqualified unless their Colts are brought forward with them, to enable the judge more accurately to determine the merit of the Animal as a Brood Mare.

7.—That no personn be qualified to receive premiums on Cows, Heifers, Steers, Sheep or Geldings; except Farmers.

8.—That no person obtaining premiums on Male Animals shall refuse the use of such Animal to a reasonable number of applicants, at a moderate charge, viz:——Stallions fit for the Saddle—not over *Twelve Dollars.* Fit for Draft—not over *Four Dollars.* Bulls and Rams—not over *Half a Dollar* each.

9.—That in future there shall be only one annual District Cattle Show to be held in September, except for Fat Animals which are to be shown in the winter.

10.—That all Animals entered in the same class, shall be kept together on the show ground, not allowing other stock to intermix in order that the judges may be able to compare, and more accurately determine the comparative merit of each.

11.—That the judges shall be appointed with the concurrence of at least Five Members of the Committee, that they shall be sworn, and no person act as judge, who is directly or indirectly interested in the decision.

12.—That each candidate or person appearing for him, must enter his stock with the Secretary in their proper class, on or before 11 o'Clock, A. M., on the day of show. The Secretary to be at the place at 9 o'Clock in the morning for that purpose.

CONDITIONS FOR THE DISTRICT PLOUGHING MATCHES.

1.—Any Candidate shall be disqualified, whose sod is settled, by any other means, except the Plough, or the foot of the Plough-Man, as the Plough-works, or who suffers any assistance, setting of irons, or otherwise, to be given to the Plough-man.

2.—Any person having obtained first premiums, at any former District Ploughing-match shall be disqualified; but such persons may compete in a seperate class, for honorary or other reward.

3.—The premiums shall be awarded to the Candidates who shall perform the work in the shortest space of time, and in the best manner.

☞ N. B.—*The Judges appointed as for the Cattle shows.*

GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR GRAIN AND GREEN CROPS, &c. &c.

1.—Any claimants for premiums on Grain or Green crops, whose farm generally does not appear to the judge to be well managed, in proportion to the time they may have been in possession of it, shall be disqualified.

2.—That premiums offered for Wheat shall only be adjudged where the wheat has been sowed after green crop or summer fallow. This rule however, not to be enforced before the next year.

PREMIUMS OFFERED TO CANADIAN PRACTICAL FARMERS ONLY, IN THE COUNTY OF MONTREAL.

1.—Three premiums offered to *Canadian Practical Farmers*, for well managed *Farms* generally. The Judges to inspect the Tillage, Drains, Fences, Stock and Barns of each competitor, and report accordingly.

2.—Three premiums offered to Canadian Practical Farmers, for the greatest quantity of summer Fallow. The Judges shall be particular, that it is well Ploughed, and clean from all kinds of grass and weeds.

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE JUDGES AT THE CATTLE SHOWS, &c. &c.

You are to decide which is the best Animal, or lot of Animals in each class, having regard in forming your judgment to excellence and utility of form, quantity of flesh, lightness of offal, propensity to milk or fatten, and early maturity; also, in Sheep, to quantity and quality of wool. Having signed your adjudication, you are not to mention your decision until announced to the Committee, you are not to disclose the opinions of each other, previous to your report, and the decision of the majority shall be conclusive, you shall withhold any premium when there shall not appear to be sufficient merit in the Animal or its offspring, you shall number the lots in each class, in the order of their comparative merit.

☞ *N. B.*—When Judges are appointed to the inspection of other than live stock the instructions to be altered so as to be applicable to that particular inspection, according to the general conditions of the Society, by which the Judges are to be governed in their adjudications.

By Order,

Wm. EVANS, Sect.